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In re Application of  
Rodric C. Fan, et al.  
Application No. 09/707,326  
Filed: November 6, 2000  
Attorney Docket No. M-9630 US

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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision in response to the petition, filed September 18, 2007, to revive the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

There is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature of John P. Wagner, Jr. appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party on whose behalf he acts. However, if Mr. Wagner desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to petitioner; however, all future correspondence regarding this application file will be directed solely to the address of record.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

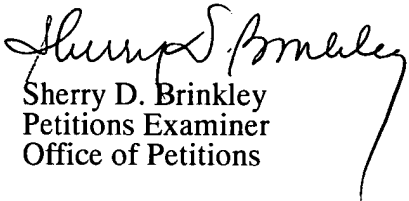
The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed October 2, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 3, 2007. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on May 3, 2007. In response, on September 18, 2007, the present petition was filed.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment; (2) the petition fee of \$1,500; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. While the statement is not made by an attorney of record, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and *Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure*; Final Rule Notice, 62 *Fed. Reg.* 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3768 for consideration of the amendment filed September 18, 2007.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. Inquiries relating to further prosecution should be directed to the Technology Center.

  
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